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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 585
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A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Deborah Newcomb on being named a Distinguished Finalist and State Honoree for a 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations and salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders for whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deborah Newcomb, an esteemed resident of Lenoir City and a Senior at Lenoir City High School, has been named Tennessee's Top High School Volunteer in the Seventh Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award's nationwide program, recognizing young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Deborah was recognized as a 2002 Distinguished Finalist and State Honoree for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, presented by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National

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Association of Secondary School Principals, honoring young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newcomb earned this award by initiating a project called ACES (Aid and Comfort for the Elderly) which has provided more than 2,000 hand-sewn, custom-designed items to help the elderly in her community recover from illness or accident; and

WHEREAS, Deborah also hosts sewing events and has organized "Make It and Take It," sessions to enable others to take patterns back to their own clubs and make items for donation; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to Ms. Newcomb's remarkable efforts, many elderly people have been able to better cope and rehabilitate from their various ailments; and

WHEREAS, as a State Honoree, Deborah will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. on May 4, 2002, for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Newcomb epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ms. Newcomb who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Deborah Newcomb on being named a Distinguished Finalist for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.